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In re Application of :
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This is a decision on the petition received via facsimile on August 14, 1997, to withdraw the above-identified application from issue pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.313 (b) (5).

The petition is granted.

Petitioner requests that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue to permit its abandonment in favor of a continuing application simultaneously filed.

The application is withdrawn from issue. The abandonment is hereby recognized.

The application will be processed as an abandoned application and forwarded to Files Repository.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 308-5254.

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